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Extension of the terms of the ad litem judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

Letter dated 13 October 2006 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to transmit the text of resolution 1717 (2006), adopted unanimously by the Security Council at its 5550th meeting, held on 13 October 2006.

Resolution 1717 (2006) reads as follows:

The Security Council,

Recalling its resolutions 955 (1994) of 8 November 1994, 1165 (1998) of 30 April 1998, 1329 (2000) of 30 November 2000, 1411 (2002) of 17 May 2002, 1431 (2002) of 14 August 2002, 1449 (2002) of 13 December 2002, 1503 (2003) of 28 August 2003 and 1534 (2004) of 26 March 2004,

Recalling that on 25 June 2003, the General Assembly by its decision 57/414 and in accordance with Article 12 ter, paragraph 1 (d) of the International Tribunal for Rwanda's Statute, elected from a list of candidates approved by the Security Council the following eighteen ad litem judges to a four-year term of office beginning on 25 June 2003 and to end on 24 June 2007: Mr. Aydin Sefa Akay (Turkey); Ms. Florence Rita Arrey (Cameroon); Ms. Solomy Balungi Bossa (Uganda); Mr. Robert Fremr (Czech Republic); Ms. Taghrid Hikmet (Jordan); Ms. Karin Hökborg (Sweden); Mr. Vagn Joensen (Denmark); Mr. Gberdao Gustave Kam (Burkina Faso); Ms. Flavia Lattanzi (Italy); Mr. Kenneth Machin (United Kingdom); Mr. Joseph Edward Chiondo Masanche (United Republic of Tanzania); Mr. Tan Sri Dato' Hj. Mohd. Azmi Dato' Hj. Kamaruddin (Malaysia); Mr. Lee Gacuiga Muthoga (Kenya); Mr. Seon Ki Park (Republic of Korea); Mr. Mparany Mamy Richard

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Rajohnson (Madagascar); Mr. Emile Francis Short (Ghana); Mr. Albertus Henricus Johannes Swart (Netherlands); and Ms. Aura E. Guerra de Villalaz (Panama),

Recalling that the Security Council by its resolution 1684 (2006) of 13 June 2006 extended the terms of the eleven permanent judges serving at the International Tribunal for Rwanda until 31 December 2008,

Recalling that the Security Council by its resolution 1705 (2006) of 29 August 2006 decided, notwithstanding the provisions of Article 12 ter of the Statute of the International Tribunal for Rwanda, and notwithstanding that Judge Bossa's elected term as an ad litem judge of the International Tribunal will end on 24 June 2007, to authorize her, effective 28 August 2006, to continue to serve as a judge in the *Butare* case until its completion,

Taking note of the letter to the President of the Security Council from the Secretary-General dated 2 October 2006,

1. *Decides* in response to the request by the Secretary-General and notwithstanding the provisions of Article 12 ter of the Statute of the International Tribunal for Rwanda, to extend until 31 December 2008 the term of office of the following ad litem judges of the International Tribunal who were elected on 25 June 2003:

- Mr. Aydin Sefa Akay (Turkey);
- Ms. Florence Rita Arrey (Cameroon);
- Ms. Solomy Balungi Bossa (Uganda);
- Mr. Robert Fremr (Czech Republic);
- Ms. Taghrid Hikmet (Jordan);
- Ms. Karin Hökborg (Sweden);
- Mr. Vagn Joensen (Denmark);
- Mr. Gberdao Gustave Kam (Burkina Faso);
- Ms. Flavia Lattanzi (Italy);
- Mr. Kenneth Machin (United Kingdom);
- Mr. Joseph Edward Chiondo Masanche (United Republic of Tanzania);
- Mr. Tan Sri Dato' Hj. Mohd. Azmi Dato' Hj. Kamaruddin (Malaysia);
- Mr. Lee Gacuiga Muthoga (Kenya);
- Mr. Seon Ki Park (Republic of Korea);
- Mr. Mparany Mamy Richard Rajohnson (Madagascar);
- Mr. Emile Francis Short (Ghana);
- Mr. Albertus Henricus Johannes Swart (Netherlands);
- Ms. Aura E. Guerra de Villalaz (Panama).

2. *Decides* in response to the request by the Secretary-General to allow ad litem Judges Bossa, Arrey, Lattanzi, Muthoga, Short, Hökborg, Hikmet, Kam and Park to serve in the International Tribunal for Rwanda beyond the cumulative period of service provided for under Article 12 ter of the Statute and until 31 December 2008;

3. *Requests* States to continue to make every effort to ensure that their nationals who were elected as ad litem judges of the International Tribunal for Rwanda remain available to serve until 31 December 2008;

4. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.

(*Signed*) Kenzo **Oshima**
President of the Security Council